City of Cosmopolis

Special Council Meeting July 11, 2011

Mayor Vickie L Raines presided

Councilmembers Present: Jim Ancich, Carl Sperring, Karen Cox, Frank Chestnut and Debbi Moran

Staff Present: Attorney Stephen Hyde

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Special meeting was called to order at 5:25 P.M. by Mayor Vickie L. Raines. All City Council are present as well as the City Attorney Steve Hyde. No media was present.

Authorize Mayor to sign land sale agreement

Mayor Raines said that general practice is to have the Mayor sign all agreements for land acquisitions or land sales as representative for the City. Grays Harbor Title is requesting something in writing that shows this policy whether it has already been given legislatively or not. Mayor Raines requested Attorney Hyde to draft a resolution approving the sale of the former police station to Darren M. and Cynthia J. Shattler and authorizing the Mayor and the Finance Director to sign all conveyance documents.

Attorney Hyde read Resolution No. 2011-04 in approving the sale of the former police station and authorizing the Mayor and Finance Director to sign all conveyance documents in its entirety <u>and on duly carried motion by Karen Cox and seconded by Jim Ancich Resolution 2011-04 passed.</u>

Debbi Moran asked about an old oil tank that was located underground. Mayor Raines said that after Bob Lutz did the inspection, the buyers had these things that they requested be done.

- Remaining personal effects (golf clubs etc) be removed
- The tower siren removed from the roof of the building
- An inspection of the Hvac system on the roof to make sure it is functioning properly
- They wanted an oil tank decommissioned. The City was not even aware that we still had a tank there. Nobody remembers it was there except Kathy who vaguely remembers it being there, but she is as old as the dirt that surrounds the tank. The tank was dug up and it was full of fuel. The fuel did not have water in it and had not been leaking so the tank was pumped and removed and soil samples were taken and sent off to be tested. The addendum to the purchase and sale agreement states that these items will be taken care of even after the closing on the property. This was slated for next week's Council meeting but the buyers have moved up here are anxious to take possession of the building.

Mayor Raines said that the remaining items have been removed and donated or discarded. The tower siren was moved to the museum. The Hvac system was inspected and cost us \$667 to repair. The issue with the tank is expected to be fine as the tank was not exposed to the elements and no leaks were detected. The cost estimate for the tank removal is between \$500 to \$5000 depending on the soil samples.

Mayor Raines said that we do have a back up offer if this deal were to fall through, although

financing is apparently not an issue.
Debbi asked if the siren would be put back up. Mayor Raines said no, a new siren has been ordered and will be installed at the treatment plant.
Frank asked who was cleaning up the tank. Mayor Raines said CCS is doing the work.
Finance Director
Attest:
Mayor

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